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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: January 31, 2011
Re: Keith Lamont Tribble- Convicted
Of Assault Likely to Produce Great
Bodily Injury, Sexual Battery on a
Restrained Person, and False
Imprisonment

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Keith Lamont Tribble, age 46, of Modesto, was convicted after a three-day jury trial of Assault Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury, Sexual Battery on a Restrained Person, and False Imprisonment. Deputy District Attorney Elaine Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 27, 2009 at approximately 2:30 p.m., the female victim was working at her job as a housekeeper at a hotel in Modesto cleaning the bathroom of one of the vacant rooms. Tribble entered the room and the bathroom, grabbed the victim by her neck and lifted her up from the floor. After a brief struggle in the bathroom, the victim managed to escape into the bedroom area until Tribble grabbed her by the hair and threw her onto one of the beds. The defendant straddled her and pulled at her blouse breaking the front of her bra. During this time, Tribble hit the victim in the face as she tried to push and kick him off of her. At one point, the victim bit Tribble's finger which gave her a chance to try and run for the main door of the room. However, Tribble grabbed her again and threw her down to the floor where he continued to assault her. The victim managed to bite him again which caused him to get off her and leave the room.

During a court trial on the defendant's prior convictions, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova found that Tribble had previously been convicted of two different offenses of Annoying or Molesting a Child in 1983 and 1998 which are both "strikes" under California's Three Strikes Law, as well as one prior prison term for Failing to Register as a Sex Offender in 2008.

Sentencing is scheduled for February 15, 2011 before the Honorable Ricardo Cordova. Tribble is facing a sentence of 25 years-to-life in state prison.

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